

REMARKS

The Final Office Action dated July 17, 2007 contained a final rejection of claims 1-28. The Applicant has amended claims 1, 2, 9, 10, 16, 22 and 24. Claims 1-28 are in the case. Please consider the present amendment with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carmi et al. (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0174242) in view of Nakamura et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,009,643) and in view of Ohkubo (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0184653).

The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection based on the amendments to the claims and the arguments below.

For example, the combined references merely disclose automatic determination of image storage location using image metadata comparison method (see Fig. 1, the Abstract and the Summary of Nakamura et al.), creating folders by the computing device and then storing and organizing images in the created folders (see paragraphs [0151] – [0164] of Carmi et al.) and classifying image data sets into an event (see Abstract and Summary of Ohkubo).

In contrast, the Applicant's newly amended independent claims 1 and 9 now include the features of **automatically creating at least one folder** for at least one event **in response to an automatic determination that at least one e-mail message contains at least a date of the event** on the connected peripheral device. In addition, independent claims 16 and 22 now include **determining that an event with a date is scheduled on the computer device, designating the peripheral device for the event, connecting the peripheral device to the computer device, automatically creating a folder on the connected peripheral device for the event in response to the peripheral device being connected to the computer device that contains the date of the event.** Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification and at least in FIGS. 2-4 and paragraphs [0012], [0013], [0016] and [0020] of the Application specification

(U.S. Patent Publication No. 2005/0083406).

Although the combined references disclose subdirectories (see Fig. 3 and paragraph [0076] of Ohkubo), this is very different from the Applicant's claimed (claims 16-28) determining that an event with a date is scheduled on the computer device, designating the peripheral device for the event and automatically creating a folder on the connected peripheral device for the event in response to the peripheral device being connected to the computer device that contains the date of the event.

In addition, with regard to claims 1-15, the combined cited references are clearly missing the Applicant's claimed features. Although the Examiner stated that "it is well known in the art to schedule events using calendaring systems and to automatically send e-mails to event participants", with regard to the newly added features, the Applicant submits that it is not well known and not disclosed, taught or suggested by the cited references to **automatically create on the connected peripheral device at least one folder for at least one event in response to an automatic determination that at least one e-mail message contains at least a date of the event,** like the claimed invention in claims 1-15.

Therefore, among other things, the combined references do not disclose, teach or suggest the Applicant's above argued claimed features. Hence, since the combined references are missing features of the Applicant's claimed invention, the combined references cannot render the Applicant's invention obvious. This failure of the cited reference to disclose, suggest or provide motivation for the Applicant's claimed invention indicates a lack of a prima facie case of obviousness and, thus, the rejections should be withdrawn (MPEP 2143).

Further, with regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03). Also, the other references cited by the Examiner also have been considered by the Applicant in requesting allowance of the dependant claims and none have been found to teach or suggest the Applicant's claimed invention.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to

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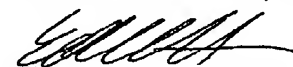
withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicant kindly requests the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at (818) 885-1575.

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